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**Office of the Attorney General to Host Forum to Educate
Homeowners and Homebuyers on Scams and Pitfalls**

Experts from OAG and District, Federal Partner Agencies Will Answer Consumers' Questions

WHO/WHAT: Attorney General Karl A. Racine, other Office of the Attorney General (OAG) staff, and representatives from the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) will educate homeowners and those looking to purchase a home about potential consumer pitfalls associated with homeownership – including construction violations, fraudulent contractors and house-flippers, foreclosure scams, mortgage regulations and other issues. The experts will also answer consumers' questions.

An easy-to-reproduce flier about the forum is attached.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11

WHERE: Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Neighborhood Library
1630 7th Street NW
Adjacent to the Shaw/Howard University Metro Station (R Street Exit)

BACKGROUND: Earlier this month, OAG filed suit against a Virginia couple who, the suit alleges, have violated District law by selling improperly and unlawfully renovated homes. As part of OAG's consumer-education efforts, the agency is partnering with other District and federal government agencies to reach out to homeowners and potential homeowners to educate them on how to protect themselves and their investments against such bad actors. For more on OAG's house-flipper lawsuit and tips for those purchasing and renovating homes, see: <http://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-sues-house-flippers-serial-shoddy-and-unlawful-work-shares-tips-home-buyers>.

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